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## FERA Plans Social Work For Students

**CWS Funds Will Be Provided  
To Give Employment to Uni-  
Students; Sealock Is Given  
Authority to Act.**

### SALARY \$15 A MONTH

The University will co-operate with the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, the Board of Regents decided at a special meeting Thursday morning. They passed a resolution empowering President Sealock and the committee on student and faculty relations to act on the matter.

The proposal of the federal government is to provide CWS funds for the employment of students on socially beneficial projects.

#### Ten Per Cent

A number approximately equal to 10 per cent of the full time enrollment may be employed, according to the announcement of the Federal Emergency administrator. Seventy-five per cent of the total may be selected from previously enrolled students of the University. The remaining 25 per cent must be selected from deserving candidates who have not previously attended the University.

#### Student Wage Scale

Students employed under this arrangement will be paid according to the regular student assistant scale, and may earn an average of approximately \$15 per month.

President Sealock went to Lincoln Thursday to consult with the state emergency administrator and the state superintendent of public instructions in regard to details of the arrangement.

## Chem Frat Will Meet Wednesday

**Thirteen Qualified for Member-  
ship Have Been Invited to  
Attend.**

Gamma Phi Sigma, honorary chemistry fraternity, will meet at Science hall Wednesday noon, February 13, to discuss plans for a banquet to be held early in March, Clarence Slayton, president, declared Thursday.

Thirteen students who averaged B or above in chemistry last semester to qualify for membership in the fraternity, have been invited to attend, according to Stanley Kurs, secretary of Gamma Phi Sigma. They are:

Oscar Haffke, Joan Dorsey, Don Rankin, Arthur Abrams, Mary McMillan, Ermagrace Reilly, Evelyn Zimmer, Lyman Cook, John Holyska, Ruth Brodbeck, Stanley Schenberger, Jim Muselman, and William Haberstroh.

Other members of the fraternity are: John Burke, Ralph Kahn, Anna Thurston, Cynthia Morien, and Rose Fisher.

President W. E. Sealock spoke before the education committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon. The subject of his talk was "Some Problems of Adult Education."

## Varied Initiation For Five New Members

Five Alpha Sigma Lambda pledges became actives after several hours of varied initiation Friday night, February 2. The initiation started at Camp Gifford, where the new actives were paddled with their own paddles, and ended at the Orpheum and the Chermot, where they cleaned up the lobbies.

The five are Herbert Steinhansen, Huntley Henderson, Don Benjamin, Robert Hadfield, and Dick Daugherty.

## New Actives In Sororities

**Gammas Slumber at Paxton  
Tomorrow Night; Pi Omega  
Pi Initiated Sunday.**

Two active week-ends started the new semester for sororities of Municipal University. Formal and informal initiations of new active members were the main affairs.

Gamma Sigma Omicron will hold their informal initiation of pledges Saturday, February 10, at a slumber party at the Paxton. The formal initiation will take place on Monday, February 12, at Lois Horels' home. At the same time the new-rushes will be formally pledged and a party held for the alumni.

The Pi Omega Pi sorority held their formal initiation Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Mexican room of Hotel Paxton. All eighteen of the pledges became members.

Fifteen pledges were informally initiated by Sigma Chi Omicron on Friday, February 2, at a slumber party at the home of Mary Rigg.

### Phi Delta Psi Preference Banquet Tonight

The Phi Delta Psi sorority will hold their formal preference banquet tonight at 6:30 at the Fontenelle Hotel.

The alumni of Phi Delta Psi will give a party for actives and pledges Saturday, February 10, at the home of Grace Margaret Aden.

## Thirty Present At Annual Pre-Medical Banquet January 19

**Dr. Cecil Simmons, Formerly  
Omaha Student, Gives Talk  
on "Self-Confidence."**

Thirty were present at the annual banquet of the Pre-Medical club in the Medical Arts tearoom January 19. Richard Schaefer, president of the club, acted as toastmaster.

Dr. Cecil Simmons, Omaha physician, spoke on "Self-Confidence in Medicine." Dr. Simmons formerly attended Omaha University. Horace Gassaway introduced the speakers.

Amerette Holmes and Lorraine Miller took care of the decorations. Lorraine Palk, Clarence Slayton, and Robert Lloyd sold tickets.

Dr. T. Earl Sellinger, head of the department of sociology, spoke at the Omaha Women's club Monday afternoon, February 5, on "Community Recreation."

## Council Asks For Gala Day Bids Febr. 14

**Candidates for Chairman and  
Class Committeemen Will Be  
Elected at Polls Friday, Feb-  
ruary 23.**

### ELECT QUEEN LATER

Petitions from candidates for Gala Day chairman and class committeemen must be in the hands of the Student Council by Wednesday, February 14, the Council decided at a meeting in room 17 Tuesday noon.

The Gala Day chairman will be elected by the entire student body while each class will elect one committeeman at a poll in the Men's Faculty building Friday, February 23. The May queen and her attendants will be elected later in the semester the Council decided.

The Council approved a motion calling for a freshmen class election to be held in conjunction with the Gala Day poll to select a successor to Wilbur Walker, freshmen class student council representative who has enrolled at Nebraska university. Petitions must be in by February 14.

Dick O'Brien, sophomore representative, who presided in the absence of President Woodrow Tietz, appointed Carson Rogers to fill the vacancy on the Council until the election is held. Tietz sort underwent an appendectomy operation at the Covenant hospital on Wednesday.

## May Increase PWA Funds

**President's Plan Helps Success  
of Municipal U. Project to  
Erect New Buildings.**

That the Municipal University of Omaha's PWA project will have a better chance for final approval became evident early this week when President Roosevelt indicated that he would ask Congress for more funds for public works.

To the original appropriation of \$3,300,000,000, the president would add \$1,700,000,000 more.

Municipal university's application for federal aid in the erection of new buildings has been in Washington since the approval of the state PWA board in Fremont last November 23.

### V. F. W. Condemns PWA "Red Tape"

An appeal was made to Nebraska congressmen to try to do away with "red tape surrounding approval of loans under the PWA" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in a resolution adopted at a meeting of state department representatives at Hotel Paxton, Sunday, February 4.

The resolution described the method of making grants to projects as "unnecessary red tape," declaring it a factor in delaying re-employment.

## Dr. C. W. Stimson Sponsors New Club

The organization of a club to promote the study of international relations was discussed at a meeting of the international economic relations class in room 3 Thursday afternoon. Dr. Claude W. Stimson, head of the economics department, will sponsor the club.

## Twenty Pass In Languages

**Ben Gershater Passes Two Pro-  
ficiency Exams, Tried Out in  
Three Languages.**

Twenty students satisfied their university language requirements by passing the proficiency examinations given Tuesday, January 30, according to Professor V. Royce West, acting head of the department of foreign languages. Thirty-four students took the examinations, which included French, Spanish, German, Latin, and Czech. Students who passed the examinations are:

French: Dick McCormick, Neva Hedlin, Sylvia Silverman, Miriam Bradley, Dorothy Busch, Helen Anderson, Loren Gammon, and Esther Silverman.

Latin: Elaine Coulter.

Czech: Charles Horels.

German: Ben Gershater, Flora Marie Handley, Cynthia Morton, Ethel Adler, Martin Speckter, Stanley Schonberger, and Pauline Maurer.

Spanish: Roger Hughes, Helen Johnson, and Ben Gershater.

Ben Gershater passed in two languages and tried another. A few students are still to be examined. Some have made appointments for examinations in Portuguese, Modern Greek, and Danish. Proficiency tests in languages will be given again near the end of the semester.

## Women's Team Wins, Men's Team Beaten By Missouri Normal

**Perimeter and Carroll Make  
Up Winning Pair; Griffin  
and Finkelstein Lose.**

The women's debating team of Municipal University won over the Missouri State Teachers' college team Saturday, February 3, at the University auditorium, but the men's team was defeated in their division of the same contest.

The preceding Tuesday, January 30, the team met Dana college at Blair in a no-decision debate.

The women's team is composed of Bernice Perimeter and Josephine Carroll, and the men's team is composed of Harry Griffin and Hyman Finkelstein. Dr. Benjamin Royce is coach of the Omaha teams.

The University of Omaha was organized in 1908. Classes began in 1909 with an enrollment of 77 students.

J. E. Davidson, president of the Nebraska Power company, is chairman of the Municipal university board of regents.

## Organizations Are Explained At Assembly

**Majority of Student Groups  
Are Represented in Short  
Speeches Before Crowd of  
300 in Gym This Morning.**

### O'BRIEN PRESIDES

Three hundred Municipal University students and faculty members were hurriedly introduced to every student organization on the campus at an assembly sponsored by the Student Council in Jacob's hall at 10 o'clock this morning.

Representatives from each University student group gave one minute talks explaining the purpose of their respective organizations and what they sought to accomplish during the present semester.

#### Explains Purpose of Assembly

Dick O'Brien, sophomore council representative, presided and introduced the speakers. He explained that the purpose of the assembly was to acquaint students with the various organizations on the campus and to encourage students to take part in the activities of these groups.

Those who spoke: Robert S. Johnson, Pan-Hellenic council; Angeline White, Sigma Tau Delta, literary fraternity; Rose Shafer, Alpha Kappa Delta, honorary sociology fraternity; George Thatcher, Alpha Pi Epsilon, honorary history fraternity; Esther Blackstone, Sigma Phi Pi, honorary education fraternity; Clarence Slayton, German club; Ruth Wallace, French club.

#### Greeks Have Representatives

Glenn Cunningham, Y. M. C. A.; Mary Rigg, Y. W. C. A.; Pearl Dansky, W. A. A., women's athletic association; Dick Schafer, (Continued on Page 2)

## Faculty Women Plan Girls' Tea

**Invitations to Be Out Soon for  
Informal Affair in Women's  
Building February 13.**

Invitations to the annual Rainbow Tea, given by the Municipal University of Omaha Women's club honoring all University girls, will be sent out in the very near future, it was learned Wednesday. The date has been set for Sunday afternoon, February 18, at 1:30 at the Omaha Women's club building.

The affair is to be informal, according to Mrs. W. E. Sealock, president of the club.

Spring flowers of pastel shades will decorate the table in the dining room. Mrs. James, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Helmsdatter, and Mrs. Earl will pour.

Chairmen of the various committees are: Mrs. Rene Storero, general chairman; Miss Ruth McDonald, chairman of the welcoming committee; Mrs. Carol Piles, program chairman; Mrs. Buck, chairman of the refreshment committee; Miss Kincaid, chairman of the finance committee; Miss Grace Kurs, chairman of the dining room committee, and John Wood, chairman of the invitation and publicity committee.



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## STUDENT GROUPS

THE Student Council's sponsorship of the assembly this morning, during which students were introduced to campus organizations and urged to take part in extra-curricular activities, is about the finest thing that this group has done since its conception several years ago. The Council has demonstrated that it is not on all occasions the flabby, weak-willed, Greek-dominated organization that some students describe it.

Today's assembly vividly brought to students' attention that the Municipal university abounds with clubs and organizations of every sort. Along with many others, we had been under the impression that there were a dearth of student organizations here. We stand corrected and hope that the membership of these organizations will increase and their activities enlarged to the point where it will not be necessary for the Student Council to sponsor an assembly in order to make their existence known to the mass of university students.

Students who are not members of at least one student group are missing a valuable portion of college life, we believe. In an organization the student widens his or her circle of acquaintances and friends to include those interested in similar subjects. It is through contacts like these that college life is made not only more interesting but more valuable.

Extra-curricular activities can, of course, easily be carried to an extreme, but we believe that at Municipal university the greater portion of students are neglecting this important phase of university life rather than over-doing it.

Although millions have been appropriated for public works in Nebraska, not one cent has been spent. Why not let the University have a shot at some of it?

## CASUAL ADVICE

"The best thing a student can get out of a university is good advice delivered casually across the table by the amateur mind of a professor," Dr. T. L. Thompson, University of Nebraska dean of student affairs, declared recently.

We wouldn't be surprised if he were right at that. It's a cinch students aren't going to remember the bromidic textbook phrases which professors love to memorize, classify and deliver as lectures.

In spite of the dean's slighting reference to "amateur minds," professors as a whole are above the average in intelligence, and when pried away from their lecture notes often say some extremely sensible things.

The Nebraska dean laments the difficulty of bringing teachers and students together in a school with a six thousand enrollment. Omaha University with only six hundred students has a distinct advantage, yet even here there is probably considerable "red tape" that needs to be cut.

As we look back on the curricular changes effected last fall, the emphasis given to individual conferences seems to us the happiest prophecy of all. From the enthusiasm that students manifest, we gather that professors do not limit the conferences to discussions of classical antiquity or the dual declension in early Sanskrit.

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## Listen, Squirrels

By MARTIN SPECKTER

Everybody talked about those exams, but nobody seemed to do much about them.

Well, we've heard dumb ones, but the freshman who wrote that the Aeneid was a Roman virgin of Homer takes the fur-lined bathtub.

The Venerable Bede, a medieval historian, one student wrote, retired to a nunnery and became the father of the English language.

Well, old man Bede shouldn't complain. George Washington has often been accused of being the father of a whole country.

Some students become Greek activists and others buy their cigarettes.

Students who cut classes are the exceptions to the rule that you can lead a horse to water.

Horses are intelligent animals, but it's the pony that gets you through the exam.

Someone said he didn't care about his country's laws as long as he could write his country's songs. After listening to some of those songs, we don't care so much about the laws, either.

We don't know; we only heard, but it seems that Professor Hugh Orr is Municipal University's candidate for the man most devoted to his art.

The professor's house was on fire and Mrs. Orr and daughter, Helen, were busy removing the clothing and valuables to the

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street. Everything was out of the house except Professor Orr.

Mrs. Orr went back into the house and called: "Hugh! Hugh! The house is on fire!"

"Don't bother me," cried the Professor. "I'm writing poetry."

## UNI ORGANIZATIONS ARE EXPLAINED AT ASSEMBLY

(Continued from Page 1)

Pre-Medic club; Tom Organ, Pre-Engineering club; Dick O'Brien, Pre-Legal club; Stanley Kurz, Chemistry club; Leo Nogg, Debate club; Jay Planteen, senior class; Duane Butler, junior class; Bennett Johnson, sophomores; Carson Rogers, freshmen; Dave Phillips, Business Administration club; Edwin Callin, International Relations club.

Fraternity and sorority presidents were introduced by Robert Johnson, Pan-Hellenic and Theta Phi Delta representative. They are: Bob Race, Phi Sigma Phi; John Burke, Alpha Sigma Lambda; Mary Alice Snider, Sigma Chi; Omicron; Margaret Higgins, Phi Delta Phi; Dorothy Hanson, Pi Omega Pi; Charlotte Fetterman, Kappa Phi Delta; Hyman Finkelstein; Beta Tau Kappa; Maxine Schurman, Gamma Sigma Omicron.

## STUDENT FORUM

To the Editor, The Gateway:

Since you ask for suggestions and criticisms, may I offer some?

Why do you not run some humorous material? Some years ago there was a column, "Mac's Mutterings," which was excellent. "Thru the Keyhole" is good enough, but how many of the students know who is referred to? Who but the selected few would know "Evelyn S.," "Mac G.," and so on? It would help if you printed the full name. The column, "Campus and Classroom," had a much wider appeal, and we regret the brevity of its existence.

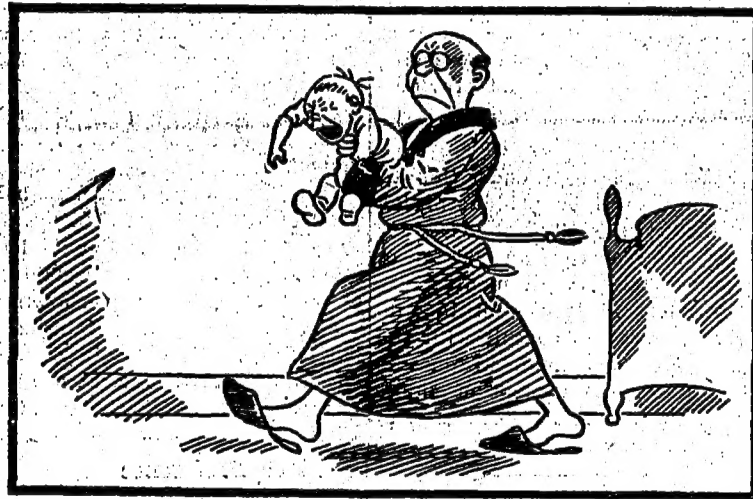
I would like to see The Gateway sponsor a campaign for the organization of the Barbs. In spite of several failures, it should not be impossible, considering the strength (in numbers) of the Barbs on this campus.

THANK YOU.

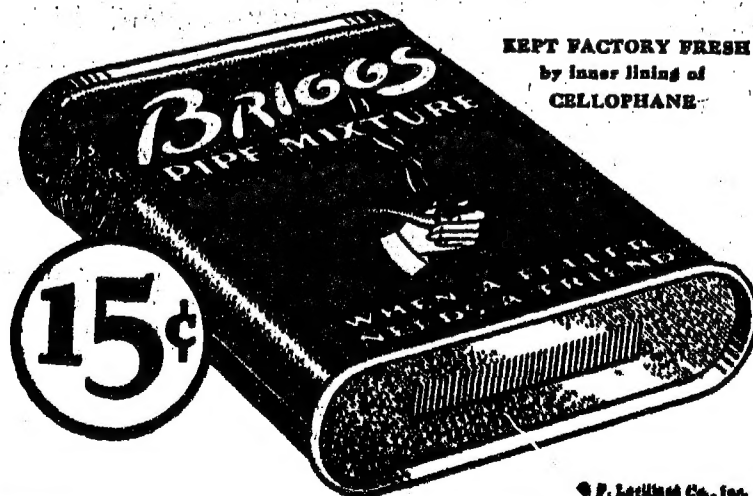
A talk on "Shella Kaye-Smith, Novelist," by Miss Nona Robinson, North high school English instructor, was the feature of the Sigma Tau Delta meeting at the Paxton hotel Wednesday evening.

Ralph MacDonald, '35, tenor, gave a group of vocal numbers.

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**Phi Sigs to Initiate**  
The Phi Sigma Phi fraternity  
will initiate new actives tomorrow  
afternoon.  
Robert Walker, '27, left Tuesday  
for Washington, D. C., where he  
will study dry cleaning methods  
at a school there. He expects to  
return to Municipal University  
next fall to resume his studies in  
the business administration de-  
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Previous to taking up her duties in the Municipal University library, Miss Tubbs has been cataloging books for Omaha grade school libraries.

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### CONTRIBUTES TO NEW BOOK

Dr. T. Earl Sullenger is one of the contributors in a new book, "The Fields and Methods of Sociology," edited by Dr. L. L. Bernard of Washington university, St. Louis.

### MRS. WEBER SPEAKS

Mrs. Pearl Weber, instructor in philosophy and psychology, talked to the North Side Junior Women's club Tuesday evening, February 6, on "Mental Hygiene."

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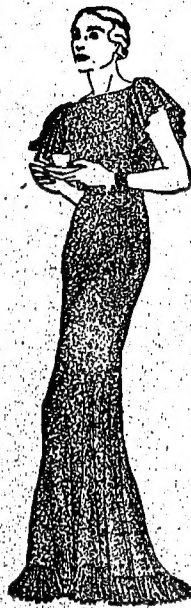
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